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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

The Accompanying Application

Applicants : Charles Jack Fisher and Sau-Chi Betty Yan

For : METHOD OF TREATING HEPARIN-INDUCED  
THROMBOCYTOPENIA

Docket No. : X-12451A

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please insert as the first paragraph:

This application is a continuation of Serial  
No. 09/439,066 filed November 12, 1999, <sup>now abandoned,</sup> which claims the benefit  
of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/108,432, filed  
November 13, 1998.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-10 and add the following new  
claims 11-17:

11. A method of treating a patient suffering from  
heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) which comprises,

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